

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following Message from the Governor:

Austin, Texas, June 3, 1955.

To the Members of the Fifty-fourth Legislature:

I am vetoing and returning herewith House Bill No. 357 at the request of the author.

Respectfully submitted,
ALLAN SHIVERS,
Governor of Texas.

H. B. No. 357

An Act amending Article 2094 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, so as to provide that the dates for the selection of jurors by the jury wheel method in each county in so far as they are now provided by Statute shall be changed from August 1st to August 15th to July 1st to August 15th; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Article 2094 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, is hereby amended so as to hereafter read as follows.

"Article 2094.

"Between the first day of July and fifteenth day of August of each year, in each county of the State, the tax collector or one of his deputies, to-

gether with the sheriff or one of his deputies, and the county clerk or one of his deputies, and the district clerk or one of his deputies, shall meet at the courthouse of their county and select from the list of qualified jurors of such county as shown by the tax list in the tax assessor's office for the current year, the jurors for service in the district and county courts of such county for the ensuing year, in the manner herein-after provided.

"Provided, however, that the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any county having a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000) inhabitants according to the last preceding Federal Census when such county is a part of two (2) or more Judicial Districts which Judicial Districts embrace more than two (2) counties. It is expressly provided, however, that this Act shall not apply to any District Court which is authorized to use the jury commission in lieu of the jury wheel."

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation to the establishment of a uniform method of selecting jurors in each county of the State and the crowded condition of the Calendars in both Houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be suspended, and this Rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.